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Governor Appoints Christianson to Gaming Commission

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today that he has appointed Harry Christianson of Rapid City to the South Dakota Commission on Gaming.

“Harry knows the gaming industry very well, and his expertise is welcome on the Commission,” the Governor said. “I’m pleased that he’s agreed to serve in this capacity.”

Christianson is a lawyer, who formerly had an interest in a Deadwood gaming complex. He succeeds Mike Ortner of Hot Springs, whose term expires April 14.

The five-member Commission on Gaming regulates limited gambling in Deadwood, including poker, blackjack and slot machines. The Commission also regulates horse racing at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierre and Brown County Fairgrounds in Aberdeen, as well as simulcast horse and dog wagering at locations in North Sioux City, Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.